

THE MAN ABOUT TOWN

Takes Up the Black Man's Burden from Various Standpoints

Presents a Few Facts That Can't Be Disputed by Anybody

A few weeks ago I had an engagement down in the loop with a friend, so I dressed up in my "Sunday clothes"; and, in my way of thinking, I was "looking good." I got on a State street car and found a good seat right by a woman of my race. She was a good-looking "sealskin brown." As soon as I sat down she began to get restless and twisted about in her seat and gazed upon my "frame" like she was disgusted because I dared to sit down by her. Finally she became so upset about it that she politely got up and walked just a few seats ahead of where she was seated and placed her "carcass" right down beside a "red-face," "fannel-mouth" Irishman. As soon as she got settled in her seat and commenced to "look pretty," and began to chew the mouthful of Wrigley's chewing gum that she carried in her mouth, the Irishman began rolling his big red eyes at her as if he could throw her off the car. This is not the first time that I have noticed the "sistern pulling off that same stunt."

Now, girls, "cut out such stuff." You had better treat your race right, because when a crisis comes you have got to certainly look to them for protection. Hear me! Well, then!

Do you know that selling "moonshine" is getting to be a common occurrence in this city? I know several persons who have given up their jobs to sell that "man-killing stuff." It is getting to be a common occurrence these days to see young men and women drunk on our streets with it, and it is hard to find a young man who hasn't a bottle of it in his pocket or that you can't get the odor from his breath.

I don't know what will be the end of our younger generation. In the language of one of our ablest preachers, whom I had the pleasure to hear a few Sundays ago, who said, during his sermon: "If some of our women who are giving birth to our future generation are going to saturate their children with 'moonshine' while they

are carrying them before they are born, then we may expect a race of 'moonshiners.'"

What chance has a race composed of "moonshiners" got with the white man? Why they will be a joke for the civilized world. Race prejudice against the Negro is getting worse all over the world, and it is these men of our own country who are spreading it. Produce a bunch of "moonshiners" and you will show me a weak set of men and women. Take my advice and don't drink that poison. It is eating the life blood out of you. This "ain't" no joke, folks—it's plain truths. Do you get me?

Who was it that introduced the idea of holding these "breakfast dances"? I would certainly like to know. I was on the street car the other day on my way down town and I met a gang of "cabaret fans" and gamblers on their way to a "breakfast dance." I asked them what was the advantage of going to a "breakfast dance" instead of the dances that are given during evenings, and they replied that the married women whose husbands worked in the day and the gamblers and those men among us who have "sworn not to ever work," could see each other without any cause for alarm or danger.

Now, friends, if that is true, cut out the "breakfast dance." I was of the opinion that they were given for men who worked at night and could not get off to attend regular dances.

If you don't take my advice now, some of these beautiful, sunshiny mornings, when the dew drops are fresh upon the flowers, and the birds are chanting in the trees, that husband whom you think is at work or out on the road on his way to the Golden Gate, California, is going to appear at one of these "breakfast dances" just when you are "doing your stuff" and then there will be a job for the corner of Cook county. Do you get me? I hope so.

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LYNCH LAW MUST GO

By Dr. M. A. Majors

About 1890 that John Mitchell adopted as his slogan, "Lynch law must go." At that time the Richmond Planet was the most radical and outspoken Negro journal in America, and would have been at that time the leading newspaper had not the Freeman shown up better in versatility. "Bruce Grit" (Ida Wells) letters in the Memphis Watchman helped to form a trio, each thundering against "Judge Lynch."

Sometimes we think God must have steered the hearts and minds of those who were foremost in the early newspaper fights against lynching. Edward Elder Cooper, W. Allison Sweeney and Wm. Milton Lewis, all of the Freeman, ever and anon fired a broadside, and then coming from hundreds of newspapers of less importance were a constant fusillade. Bishop Henry McNeil Turner, who, for many years, cherished an opinion that the place for the Negro was Africa, often sounded the death knell of "Judge Lynch" in the volumes of the Voice, which he published as the Voice of Missions, but the better and more thoughtful among us realized that it was the "voice" of Turner.

The Texas Searchlight, Texas Freeman, Victoria Guide, Dallas Express, Chicago Conservator, Topeka Call, Washington Bee, Florida Sentinel, Cleveland Plaindealer, St. Paul Appeal, Southwestern Christian Advocate, St. Joseph Mirror and the Omaha Bee all performed herculean tasks against the south and its lynching spirit. The New York Age, edited by T. Thomas Fortune, situated so near the big heart of the world, fired Krupp explosives, while Mr. Fortune contributed to other newspaper and magazines with a big heart overburdened with the trials and miseries of his race. Sometimes our greatest Negro, Frederick Douglass, would threaten the Republican party for leaving the Negro in the house of his enemies unprotected and undergoing the slow process of annihilation. Bishops Arnett Smith, Grant P. Petty, Dr. J. C. Price, Attorney R. C. O. Benjamin, W. Calvin Chase, Editor J. E. King, Wm. M. McDonald, N. Cuney, Charles N. Love, R. Wright Thompson, Hon. John Mercer Langston, George Williams and Dr. Wm. J. Simmons all were ever on the firing line preaching eloquent truths against the brutal tyranny and oppression of the Southland's wickedness.

Fighting, as we fought in those days, while it informed the race of the treachery and marauding spirit of the white men, did not stop the blood-thirsty mob. Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois and Minnesota have been violated by the blood-maddened mob; Nebraska, Missouri and Oklahoma,

each have had its trial out of court by "Judge Lynch." The south has done its utmost to show to the rest of the country that equal and exact justice to all men, and special privileges to none, written in the constitution, is a lie. The fury and cowardice of mob law overleaps all human bounds in sickening, blood-curdling orgies of murder when the savagery in fiends takes the place of reason in man. Every vestige of civilization is blotted out and incarnate devilry hell-swept with every low ugliness of lust of demons.

DOINGS AT THE APPOMATTOX CLUB

Monday, December 25, 8:30 P. M.—Christmas party and dance; members and lady guests. Tuesday afternoon, December 19, 2:30 P. M.—Ladies' whist; special prizes; luncheon; for the ladies of the families of members. Friday afternoon, December 29, 2:00 to 6:00 P. M.—Annual Children's Christmas party, Mrs. Hazel Thompson Davis, directing; committee: Mrs. S. A. T. Watkins, Mrs. D. A. McGowan, Mrs. D. B. Hawley, Mrs. J. W. Woodlee, Mrs. F. E. Anderson, Mrs. L. B. Trent. Sunday, December 31, beginning at 10:00 P. M.—Annual "New Year's" evening cabaret; special entertainment; dancing; midnight luncheon; members and lady guests only; all tables reserved; reservations must be made in advance; reservation, including luncheon, \$1.50.

QUINN CHAPEL A. M. E. CHURCH NOTES

Rev. H. E. Stewart will deliver the sermon Sunday morning and night. The special Christmas message will be delivered Sunday morning, December 24, at 10:45 A. M., at which time the choir will render special music. A big midnight service Christmas Eve at 12:05 o'clock. The subject will be "The Prince of Peace"—a three-reel sacred movie.

The revival now in progress at Quinn is bringing good results. Old-fashioned conversions and many reclaimed. Prof. Deas and wife are conducting the singing. The pastor is preparing to give a series of sacred moving pictures at the church, Friday evenings, from 4:30 to 5:30 P. M. No admission. "C. N."

NEW SUBSCRIBER TO THE BROAD AX

Among the new subscribers to The Broad Ax is Mr. W. D. Cain, of Waco, Tex., who is the grand recorder, F. A. M., Texas jurisdiction, and editor of The Masonic Quarterly. It will therefore be noted that Brother Cain is one of the most prominent Masons in the Lone Star state.

MRS. HARDING HONORED

Mrs. Georgia E. Harding, state grand princess of Illinois of S. M. T., was honored at a reception given by the S. M. T. at the Chicago College of Music, 37th street and Michigan avenue, Thanksgiving evening. A splendid program was rendered with Mrs. Serilda Jackson acting as mistress of ceremonies. Around the banquet table laid in the dining hall, J. B. Street, president of the Joint Building Association of U. B. F. and S. M. T., acted as toastmaster. Other speakers of the evening were Mesdames Eliza Jackson, Maggie T. Pryor, Ella Watkins, Ida Simmons, Elizabeth Roschon, Rebecca Johnson and Rosa Foucha; Messrs. R. W. Wells, M. T. Bailey and H. D. Smith.

ST. MARK M. E. CHURCH

50th Street and Wabash Avenue

Rev. John W. Robinson, Pastor

Last Sunday morning the pastor preached a lovely sermon to a large and appreciative audience. Services were good and well attended throughout the day. Rev. H. B. Mays, pastor of Bismarck, N. D., preached at the evening service. Pastor will preach next Sunday both at the morning and evening services. Lyceum at 5 P. M. Attend our services.

RETURN PLEASED

Wm. H. Terrell and Prince A. Glanton who attended the session of The National Baptist Convention, Inc., at St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 6th, have returned pleased over the election of Dr. L. K. Williams of Olivet Baptist Church as president, for which election they gave their undivided support. A large reception will be given in honor of Dr. Williams at the church on Friday evening, Dec. 15th, at which time the entire Baptist family and friends are invited.

SPEND DAY IN SUBURBS

Mrs. Odell Hughley and daughters spent last Sunday in Morgan Park the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Jenkins, 1121 W. 112th Place, brother-in-law and sister of Mrs. Hughley. Mesdames P. A. Glanton and Ella M. Glanton were also visitors in the Park last Sunday spending much time with friends.

BUSINESS INCREASES

The business of the Bailey Realty Co. and Milton Mercantile Agency at 3638 South State street, of which M. T. Bailey is president and general manager, is increasing and coming from almost all parts of the United States. The increase is the outgrowth of efficiency used in the handling of all business coming in their offices.

IN FINAL MEETING

The Virginia Society will hold its final meeting for the year on Wednesday evening, Dec. 20th at 3638 S. State St., at which time it is hoped that all Virginians will attend and bring their friends with them.

ENROUTE TO VIRGINIA

John T. Pannell of Morgan Park, left the city during the week for Richmond, Va., where he will spend considerable time adjusting matters of importance. While in the state, Mr. Pannell will spend several days in visiting other cities.

MR. A. A. TODD

Prominent Mason and One of the Colored Leaders of the Deneen Faction of the Republican Party Who Holds Down a Responsible Clerkship in the Rooms of the Chief Clerk of the Municipal Court of Chicago.



GOES TO OHIO

Prof. C. T. Rogers left for Cleveland, Ohio a few days ago where he will begin a series of lectures on next Sunday. Prof. Rogers spent much time in the city during the past week.

Mrs. Sydnor, mother of Mrs. Carrie Warner, 3822 Calumet avenue, left the first of this week for her home in St. Louis, Mo.

George O. Jones, head of the George O. Jones Undertaking Co., 1904 West Lake street, is one of the best and most progressive colored business men on the west side and all of his patrons always receive a square deal from him.

Mr. Ernest H. Williamson, 5121-5125 South State street, continues in the lead as the most up-to-date funeral director on the south side. His extensive establishment is complete in every department and he transacts business with all of his patrons on the square.

Color Blindness Puzzles. A puzzling feature about color blindness is that many persons so afflicted are experts at matching colors.

Small Ambition. The man who is entirely satisfied with himself wants but little here below.—Boston Transcript.

"The Iron Czar." "The Iron Czar" was a name given to Nicholas I, who ruled Russia from 1825 to 1855.

Selfishness Never Brought Joy. Those who think selfishness the short cut to joy, find when they have gone as far as it will take them, that joy is as far off as ever.—Exchange.

Mrs. Carrie Warner, 3822 Calumet avenue, enjoyed her Thanksgiving Turkey Thursday, November 30th, at her summer home at Idlewild, Mich., where she superintended some improvements on it.

To Outward Seeming. Some people with great merit are very disgusting; others with great faults are very pleasing.—La Roche fougault.

Emotions Act on the Stomach. Emotions, such as sudden fright, act on the human stomach, causing it to alter in shape.

Thought for the Day. There is more religion in some men's science than there is science in some men's religion.

Newton Leads Town Names. The commonest of all place names in England is Newton, which occurs no fewer than 72 times in different parts of the country.

Figured Wood for Furniture. From the very earliest days of furniture, through the Middle Ages, to the present time figured wood for furniture has found favor.

Where Custom Rules. Men commonly think according to their inclinations, speak according to their learning and imbibe opinions; but generally act according to custom.—Francis Bacon.

PARIS MODES IN FORMAL APPAREL

Decorative Trimmings Influence Styles, Fashion Correspondent Says.

GOWNS MUST BE ENLIVENED

Crisp Flowers or Vivid Girdles Are Employed to Enhance the Attractiveness of Milady's Frocks for Evening Wear.

Paris promises a winter season of lavish decoration, observes a fashion writer in the New York Times. If one's frock be sober, it must be enlivened with crisp flowers or a vivid girdle. If your evening gown be stately, let it slip off either one or both shoulders, and hold it securely with straps of tiny flowers that glitter with silver or gold. If one's suit seems the least bit businesslike, it should be embellished with steel beads or strips of fur in a vermilion pattern. Above all things one must avoid the obvious, and have one's frock beruffled where ruffles might least be expected, or beribboned and gayly buttoned in unusual design.

As an expression of the vivacity of his costumes, Worth has chosen the tassel, which may seem old-fashioned, but which really has gone through many stages of rejuvenation. They are used alone or in groups, of large dimensions or of small, of silk, of satin, of metal or beads, but in every case they are the natural complement of the gown they adorn. Especially lovely ones are made of blades of metal, which are used on street frocks, and one evening gown boasts three long tassels of tubed crystal.

Brandt hangs tassels by slim cords or finely wrought chains and tops them with exquisite embroidery or braid of a contrasting shade. And with the prevailing vogue for superficiality of trimming, ribbons have gayly come into their own. They offer width to slim skirt lines and width to abbreviated hems. Encrusted with wee flowers, or variously braided, they wind their gala way between bobbed trusses or crown more stately coiffures. By attaching countless narrow satin ribbons to the shoulder and catching them together at the waist and guiding them gracefully to the wrist, where they are caught by a silver cloth wristband, Martiel et Armand have created an otherwise simple evening frock for the jeune fille. When silk ribbon is padded and attached to either side of a silk skirt it lends the soft folds sufficient weight to attempt a graceful fit.

First London Bridge. The first stone bridge over the Thames at London was completed in 1209 and built with rows of houses forming a street. On it stood the chapel of St. Thomas of Canterbury. The present bridge, about one hundred feet farther up the river, was designed by John Rennie and built by his sons in 1825-31; length 928 feet, width 65 feet, 50 feet above the river.

Chinch Bugs Cause Big Loss. Fully \$46,000,000 worth of wheat, corn, oats, grain, sorghums and broom corn is destroyed annually by chinch bugs, which can withstand most climatic conditions, fungous diseases and parasitic enemies.

There's the Trouble. "Sedentary workers need a hearty breakfast." They do. But poor as they are, they are too proud to accept charity.—Hartford Times.

JAMES WELDON JOHNSON, SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, FIRES INTO THE LEADERS OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY FOR THEIR ABANDONMENT OF THE DYER ANTI-LYNCHING BILL.

James Weldon Johnson, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, on his return to New York from Washington, made the following statement on the abandonment of the Dyer bill by the Republican party:

"The fight for the enactment of the Dyer Anti-Lynching bill was abandoned by the Republican majority on Monday, December 4, in the last hours of the extra session of Congress. The bill had been called up for consideration on Tuesday, November 28. It immediately became the object of a filibuster on the part of southern Democrats, which was the most naked and brutal exhibition of its kind ever made in the Senate. A filibuster is generally carried on under some sort of disguise, but Senator Underwood of Alabama, the Democratic leader, stated plainly and bluntly that the purpose of the filibuster was to prevent any consideration whatsoever of the Dyer Anti-Lynching bill and that the Democratic side would not allow any government business whatever to be carried on until the Republicans agreed to abandon the bill not only during the extra session but even during the short session.

"The filibuster was carried on from Tuesday through Saturday, December 2, during which time the southern Democrats would not even allow the adoption of the record of the Senate's proceedings. Finally, on Saturday night, a caucus of Republican Senators was held, which was largely attended, and the question of the abandonment of the bill was discussed hotly for more than two hours. The attendance at the caucus dwindled until there were some twenty-two or twenty-three Senators left. A vote was then taken and the majority agreed to abandon the bill. There were nine Senators who voted to keep up the fight until March 4, if necessary. Among these was Senator Shortridge, who has charge of the bill and who led the fight on the floor.

"Before the Republican caucus, the secretary conferred with Senators Lodge, Curtis and Watson, the three men holding the fate of the bill in their hands, urging them not to surrender on the terms laid down by the Democratic filibusters. Those terms were that the bill be not only dropped in the special session, but dropped as well for the entire term of the Sixty-seventh Congress.

"Immediately after publication in the newspapers of the outcome of the caucus, the secretary telegraphed to these three Senators inquiring if he had not received their promise that the bill would not be abandoned on Senator Underwood's terms. Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, who was elected by the colored voters of his state on the sole issue of the Dyer Anti-Lynching bill, denied by letter ever having made such a promise to the secretary. It was Senator Lodge

who announced in the Senate, on the morning of December 4, the Republican party's abject surrender.

"The colored people will not be deceived by appearances. They can see and they know the actual fight was made by the southern Democrats against the bill rather than by the Republicans in its behalf. The southern Democrats roared like lions and the Republicans laid down like scared possums. The efforts of Senator Shortridge were sincere and earnest, but outside of the support he received from Senator Willis, Senator New and Senator Edge, not a Republican Senator opened his mouth in actual support. A few Senators, including Senators Pepper and Reed of Pennsylvania, McNary, Capper and Gooding, expressed their willingness to keep up the fight until March 4th if necessary, but the mass of Republican Senators displayed no particular interest in the bill. It is this attitude that the colored people will especially resent, perhaps even more than the failure of the bill to be passed. If the Republican senatorial leaders think the Negro will be satisfied merely because they allowed the southern Democrats to 'put themselves on record,' they are mistaken. The Republicans should also have put themselves on record. This they failed to do.

"The unsuccessful fight to have the Dyer bill enacted into law at this time is not, however, without its fruits.

"First of all, lynching as a national shame and the facts about lynching have been put before the American people. In fact, lynching has been made not only a national but an international issue and such a question cannot die until it is rightly settled once for all.

"Second, the Dyer Anti-Lynching bill became the center of concerted mass action by colored people such as has never before taken place in the United States. Colored voters defeated, on this issue alone, three men who voted against it in the House of Representatives—only in Delaware, one in New Jersey, and one in Wisconsin. So doing, colored people have become conscious of their political power.

"Third, colored voters have gone a great step toward political emancipation from allegiance on historical grounds to any one party. The fate of the Dyer bill, coming as a culmination of a series of disappointments under the present administration, completely rids the Negro of the old idea that he must now, henceforth and forevermore, vote the Republican ticket merely for historic reasons.

"In conclusion, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored people has no intention of lessening its efforts to abolish lynching in the United States of America. Indeed, we have just begun to fight. (Signed)

"JAMES WELDON JOHNSON."

Purpose.

He is a weak man who cannot twist and weave the threads of his feeling—however fine, however tangled, however strained, or however strong—into the great cable of purpose, by which he lies moored to his life of action.—Donald G. Mitchell.

School Behind the Times.

Robert's father has an office with all equipments a modern office has. Robert has been told their different uses. When he came home from school after being in the second class, he said: "Daddy, I think our school must be an old-fashioned one. It makes you do your adding by hand."

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